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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY OFFICIAL ROUTING SLIP							
TO		INITIALS	DATE				
1	Deputy Executive	<i>BS</i>	1 Aug.				
2	<i>Chief, FBIB</i>	<i>SPR</i>	1 Aug 49				
3	<i>Adm Office</i>	<i>JXC</i>	2 Aug 49				
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FROM		INITIALS	DATE				
1	Chief, FBIB	<i>SPR</i>	7/29/49				
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bothering you again. General Counsel says latter seems preferable. However, it is possible that former would be cheaper.

Appreciate earliest advice in order cable Frost before noon on Monday.

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Either is O.K. and if it's cheaper this way, so much the better. L/H

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**Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT****TO :** Executive**DATE:** JUL 29 1949**FROM :** Assistant Director for Operations**SUBJECT:** Detail of BBC Monitoring Personnel to FBIS Mediterranean Bureau**REF :** a. Memorandum dated 15 July 1949 to Executive from ADO, subject same as above

b. Attached message No. 290525 to White, Chief, FBIB, from Frost, Head of BBC Monitoring Service

1. Following approval by the Executive of the FBIS-BBC proposal to detail BBC personnel to the FBIS Mediterranean Bureau (Reference a) a proposed contract was prepared by the Services Officer and submitted to the BBC for comment.

2. BBC has replied that the proposed contract is likely to cause major administrative problems involving not only BBC contractual agreements with staff but also its authority to enter into American Government contracts without approval of exchange authorities, and anticipates that it would require considerable time to solve these problems. BBC suggests as an alternative that CIA pay transportation costs to and from Cyprus and a flat \$10 per diem for the period of this detail.

3. In view of the immediate need for this personnel at Cyprus and in order to avoid the necessity of executing a formal contract permission is requested to employ three BBC personnel as experts for a period of approximately six months on a without compensation basis in accordance with section 5, Public Law 600, 79th Congress, and to allow this personnel transportation and per diem as follows:

a. Round trip air transportation between London and Cyprus (CIA Transportation Requests will be used to secure passage).

b. Ten dollars per diem in lieu of subsistence en route and at Cyprus.

Concur:

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Personnel Officer

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Budget Officer

APPROVED 1 August 1949

FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE:

Acting Executive

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TO WASHINGTON

FROM LONDON

290525 WHITE

REGRET PROPOSED CONTRACT LIKELY TO CAUSE MAJOR ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS HERE INVOLVING NOT REPEAT NOT ONLY OUR CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS WITH STAFF BUT OUR AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO AMERICAN GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS WITHOUT APPROVAL EXCHANGE AUTHORITIES, ETC. ENVISAGE CONSIDERABLE TIME BEFORE WE CAN ELUCIDATE THESE PROBLEMS. SUGGEST POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE WE SECOND STAFF TO WARFIELD HAVING PREVIOUSLY OBTAINED THEIR WRITTEN CONSENT AND YOU PAY TRANSPORTATION COSTS AND TEN DOLLARS PER DIEM DETACHED DUTY ALLOWANCE. THIS LATTER FIGURE SHOULD FULLY COVER ALL PROVISIONS WE NORMALLY MAKE FOR OUR OWN STAFF. MUST BE UNDERSTOOD THESE PROPOSALS SUBJECT TO AGREEMENT OF INDIVIDUAL CONCERNED. GRATEFUL URGENTEST CONSIDERATION AS WE HAVE ALREADY BOOKED PASSAGES OWING VERY HEAVY ADVANCE BOOKINGS. UNLESS PROVISIONAL SETTLEMENT REACHED WITHIN SEVEN DAYS WE MUST CANCEL TO AVOID COMMITMENT.

FROST

29 JULY 1949

TO WASHINGTON

FROM LONDON

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IMMEDIATE ATTENTION WHITE

FURTHER MY 290525 THIS MORNING ENQUIRIES TODAY SUGGEST WE CAN POSSIBLY AGREE CONTRACT SUBJECT MINOR CHANGES IN WORDING NOW UNDER REVIEW OUR LAWYERS AND IF PAYMENT IS MADE IN DOLLARS. UNDERSTAND WE FORBIDDEN SIGN CONTRACT OTHER THAN FOR PAYMENT IN DOLLARS WITHOUT GOVERNMENT APPROVAL. CAN YOU POSSIBLY INDICATE BY TUESDAY MORNING WHETHER DOLLAR PAYMENT POSSIBLE AS MEETING WITH LAWYERS FIXED TUESDAY. MONDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY HERE.

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29 JULY 1949

1 August 1949 - Dollar payment approved. Make necessary arrangements with the Budget Officer.

FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE:

Acting Executive